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...WHAT'S
THAT?

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RELIC OF THE PAST...A
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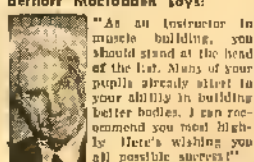
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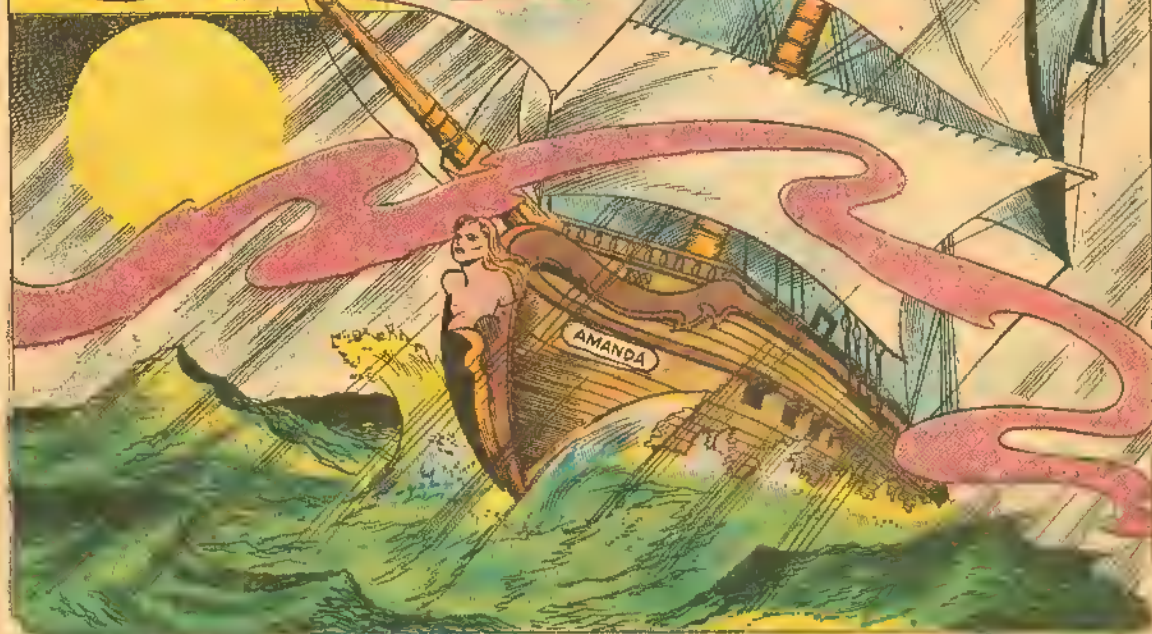
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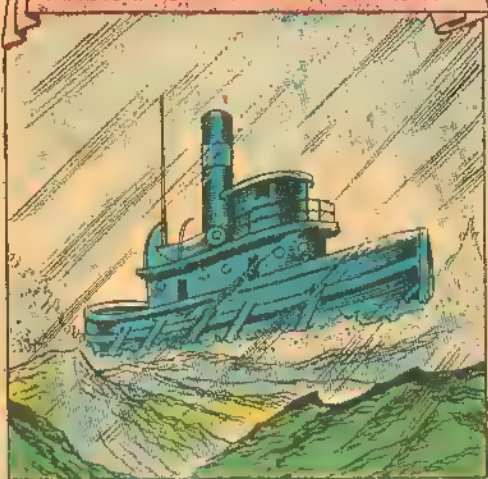
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Legend and folk lore throng with tales of **GHOST SHIPS**--and nobody claims that they really **EXIST!** But there's more in this world of ours than lies within the ken of mortal man, and sometimes--one **WONDERS!** **YOU'LL** wonder too, when you read this challenging tale--and come face to face with a puzzling--

MYSTERY of the SEA!?



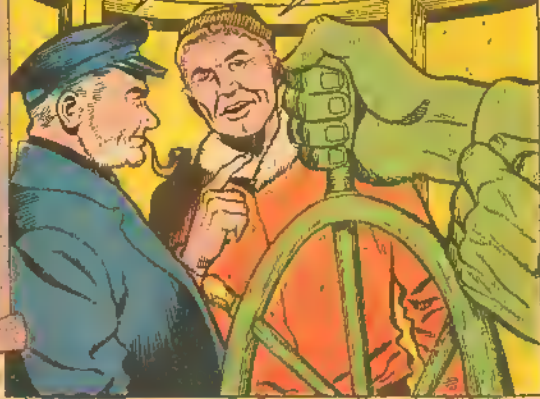
IT WAS JUST AN ORDINARY DAY ON THE ENGLISH CHANNEL! THE SEA-GOING TUG NEPTUNE WAS RETURNING FROM A WRECKING JOB AT CHERBOURG--BUCKING THE CUSTOMARY STORM--



IN THE WHEEL-HOUSE, CAPTAIN ALF WILKINS AND FIRST MATE HENRY ORMSBY WERE CONTINUING THEIR FAVORITE ARGUMENT--

THERE'S **NOTHING** THAT HAPPENS--AT SEA OR ANYWHERE ELSE--THAT HASN'T GOT A **LOGICAL** EXPLANATION, HENRY!

I SAY SOME THINGS ARE **SUPERNATURAL**, ALF--! AND **NOTHING** CAN EXPLAIN 'EM! WE LEAVE IT TO YOU, PINKY-- **WHO'S RIGHT?**



PINKY WAS SECOND MATE, DECKHAND, STEWARD AND GENERAL CABIN BOY!

BUT AT THE MOMENT, HE HAD BIGGER WORRIES!

BLIMEY, I GOT OTHER THINGS ON MY MIND! I PROMISED TO BRING ME LITTLE SON 'ERB A PRESENT--AND I HAVEN'T A THING FOR 'IM! ME OLD WOMAN WON'T LET ME FORGET THAT!

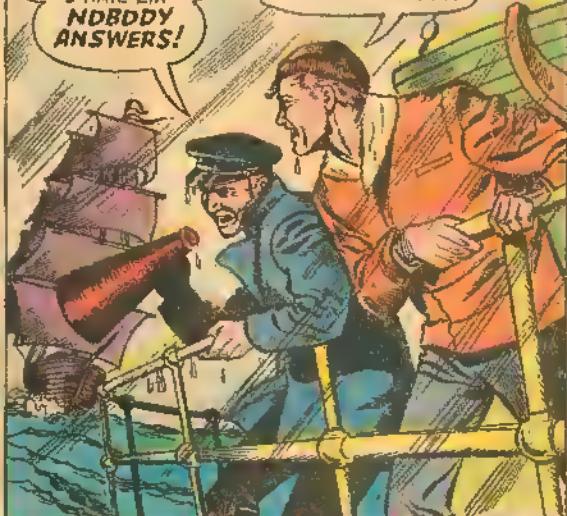


SUDDENLY-- L-LOOK! THERE--COMIN' OUT OF THE FOG--



I DONT GET IT! NO MATTER HOW HARD I HAIL 'EM-- NOBODY ANSWERS!

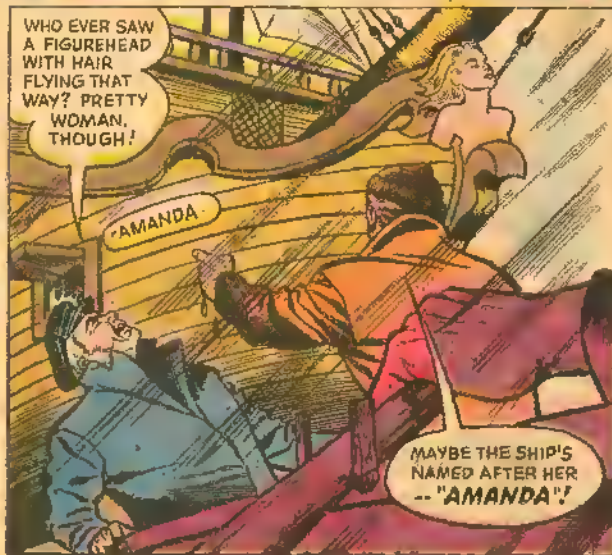
SHE MAY BE SALVAGE--AND THAT'S OUR BUSINESS! LET'S BOARD HER AND FIND OUT!



WHO EVER SAW A FIGUREHEAD WITH HAIR FLYING THAT WAY? PRETTY WOMAN, THOUGH!

AMANDA

MAYBE THE SHIP'S NAMED AFTER HER --"AMANDA"!



LOOK AT THAT RIGGING! THIS SHIP'S HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD!

THEN WHAT'S SHE DOING SAILING HERE--WITH NOBODY ABOARD?

I SMELL SOMETHING-- LIKE FODD!



DOWN IN THE GALLEY, THEY FOUND --

IT WAS FOOD PINKY
SMELLED -- AND IT'S
STILL WARM!

BUT -- BUT THEN -- WHERE
IS EVERYBODY? I DON'T
LIKE THIS!

AND IN THE MASTER'S CABIN --

ALF! THE LAMP --
IT'S LIT!

THE LOG OF THE AMANDA --
AND EVERY PAGE HAS BEEN
RIPPED OUT! THERE'S A MYSTERY
HERE -- BUT THERE'S GOT TO
BE A LOGICAL
EXPLANATION!

A FLASH OF WHITE FROM BENEATH
A TABLE -- IT WAS A SINGLE PAGE
THAT HAD BEEN TORN FROM
THE LOG, AND OVERLOOKED!
AND NOW THE STRANGE
FEELING OF MENACE
DEEPENED --

It's come about,
just as he said
it would! We've
got to get off
this ship --
before --

GOOD
HEAVENS!
THE INK --
IT'S
STILL
WET!

WELL, ALF? HERE'S A SHIP HUNDREDS OF
YEARS OLD, STILL ASAIL, MANNED AFTER
ALL THESE CENTURIES BY A STILL-LIVING
CREW THAT'S JUST

LEFT IT! WHAT
DROVE 'EM OFF?
YOU'VE GOT TO
ADMIT THIS
ISN'T NATURAL!

IT'S NOT SUPER-
NATURAL EITHER,
BECAUSE THERE'S NO
SUCH THING! YOU'LL
FIND THERE'S SOME
GOOD, SOUND REASON
FOR ALL THIS -- IT'S
ONLY THAT WE DON'T
KNOW IT YET!

THEN, FROM OUT OF NOWHERE -- AN EERIE
WAIL DRIFTED THROUGH THE SHIP!

EEE-OWWW...

LISTEN!
IF -- IF THAT'S
NATURAL, ALF --
GO AND FIND
OUT WHAT
IT WAS!

ER -- YOU GO LOOK,
PINKY!

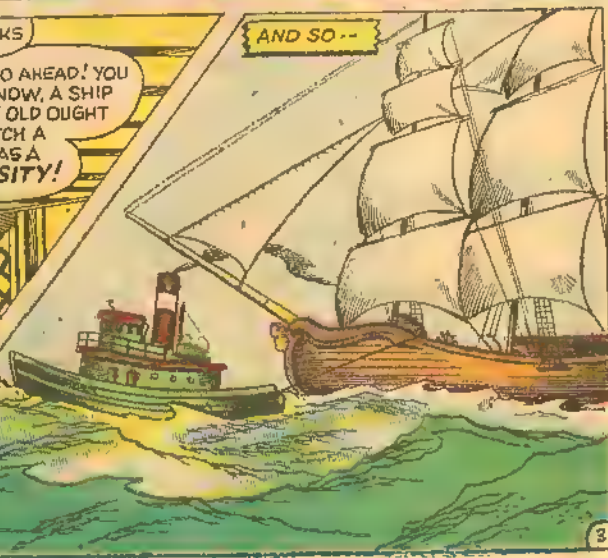
ONLY BECAUSE
YOU TWO OUT-
RANK ME! B-BUT
I'M DOIN' IT UNDER
PROTEST!

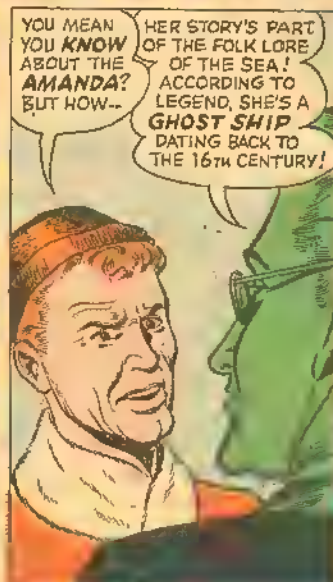
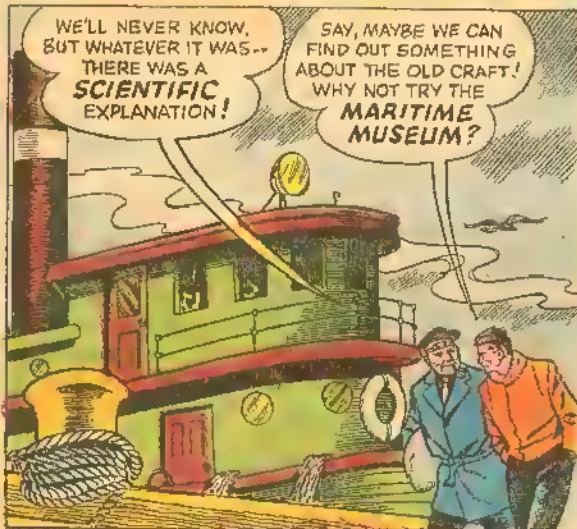
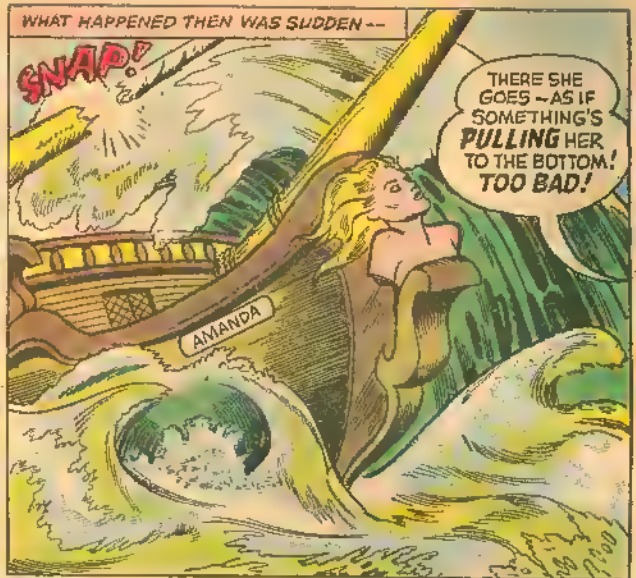
WHEN
PINKY
RETURNED --

IT WAS NOTHIN'! JUST -- AH -- TWO PLANKS
RUBBIN' TOGETHER, MAYBE! YOU'LL
PROBABLY WANT TO TAKE HER IN
TOW, SO I'LL ROW BACK TO
THE TUG FOR A CABLE!

GO AHEAD! YOU
KNOW, A SHIP
THIS OLD OUGHT
TO FETCH A
PRICE AS A
CURIOSITY!

AND SO --





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"GREEN HAD WEALTH -- BUT IT WAS ROSS WHO WON HER HEART!"

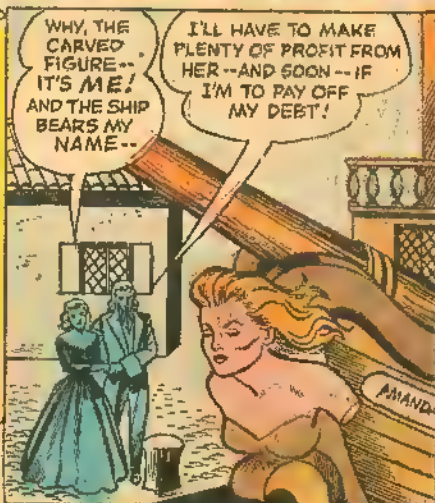
SHE'S MADE HER CHOICE -- AND THEY'LL BOTH LIVE TO REGRET IT!



"WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, ROSS BORROWED FROM GREEN, WHO WAS A MONEY LENDER, AND BUILT A SHIP FOR TRADE WITH THE ORIENT--"

WHY, THE CARVED FIGURE-- IT'S ME! AND THE SHIP BEARS MY NAME--

I'LL HAVE TO MAKE PLENTY OF PROFIT FROM HER --AND SOON-- IF I'M TO PAY OFF MY DEBT!



"HE WAS CLEVER -- IT WAS HE WHO CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF USING CATS IN TRADE -- BADLY NEEDED IN THE EAST TO COMBAT THE RAT POPULATION --"

I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE BRED A SPECIAL TYPE OF CAT FOR FIGHTING QUALITIES, MR. ROSS!

I HAVE INDEED! IT'S A CROSS BETWEEN TAILLESS MANX CATS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN AND A SIAMESE STRAIN! MY WIFE'S HOLDING ONE NOW, IF YOU'D LIKE A CLOSER LOOK!



"IT WAS A STRANGE BREED -- YOU'D NEVER FORGET IT ONCE YOU SAW IT! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE -- IT'S BEEN COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED SINCE THE EARLY 17TH CENTURY--"

I'VE ALREADY DONE WELL ENOUGH WITH MY SHIP AND THE CATS TO REPAY MY LOAN! IT'S A RELIEF, SINCE GREEN HOLDS A MORTGAGE ON THE AMANDA, AND IT FALLS DUE NEXT WEEK!

"BUT WHEN HE WENT TO PAY GREEN THE DEBT, HE WAS WAYLAIID --"

THANKS FOR THE GOLD--AND WE'LL TAKE YOUR HORSE, TOO! WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOU CAN WALK!

PLEASE-- PLEASE DON'T ROB ME! THE MONEY--IT ISN'T MINE--



"AFROD, HE STAGGERED TO THE TAVERN WHERE GREEN CARRIED ON HIS BUSINESS --"

YOU WERE **ROBBED**, YOU SAY? 'TIS YOUR BAD FORTUNE -- I CANNOT GRANT ANY EXTENSION ON YOUR DEBT! MY MORTGAGE ENTITLES ME TO **SEIZE THE AMANDA** -- TOGETHER WITH WHATEVER CARGO SHE MAY BE CARRYING!

NO -- YOU CAN'T DO THAT! IT -- IT'S EVERYTHING I'VE GOT -- YOU'RE BANKRUPTING ME!



YOU -- YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME, YOU VILLAIN! I'LL --



YOU'LL DO NOTHING -- BECAUSE YOU CAN **PROVE** NOTHING! THROW THE FOOL OUT OF HERE, MEN!

"THEY DRAGGED HIM AWAY -- BUT NOT IN TIME TO STILL THE FATEFUL WORDS --"

"SUDDENLY, HIS EYE FELL UPON A FAMILIAR FACE AMONG GREEN'S HIRELINGS --"

THAT MAN! HE WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO ROBBED ME! IT WAS A PUT-UP JOB, GREEN -- YOU STOLE MY MONEY!



YOU'VE GOT MY SHIP -- MAY IT ONLY BRING YOU SUFFERING! AS LONG AS THERE'S JUSTICE IN THE WORLD, MAY YOU NEVER BENEFIT OR PROFIT FROM THE **AMANDA!** LET IT DRIFT FOREVER -- SWEPT CLEAN OF YOUR VILLAINOUS CREW!



WELL, THAT'S THE STORY! COMPLETELY A **LEGEND**, OF COURSE -- BUT THROUGH THE YEARS, STORIES HAVE CONTINUED TO DRIFT IN ABOUT A GHOST SHIP, SAILING WITHOUT A CREW! THE **AMANDA**, OF COURSE!

THANKS FOR THE STORY! GUESS WE'LL BE LEAVING NOW...



NOW ARE YOU SATISFIED, ALE? YOU AND YOUR IDEAS ABOUT **SCIENCE!** THIS WHOLE THING'S **SUPER-NATURAL!**

I DON'T CARE WHAT **ANY-BODY** SAYS, HENRY! SOMEWHERE THERE'S A LOGICAL EXPLANATION, AND I'M GOING TO FIND IT!



TROUBLE IS, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY **IMAGINATION!**

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HUSH UP, WILL YOU? -- HERE, BOY! I'LL TAKE A PAPER!







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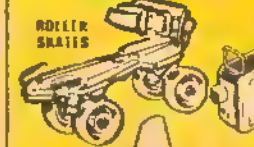
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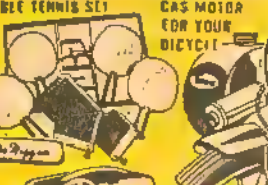





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"No!" said Betty Glover firmly. "I married an honest man, and I'm going to see that he *stays* that way, even if we have had the bad breaks! Come morning, you bring that wallet straight to the man who lost it! Just remember, Tom—you don't have a second chance in a thing like this!"

By the time they'd dropped off to sleep, the thing had built up to quite a quarrel, which was unusual, because few married couples were as devoted, as in love as Tom and Betty Glover. All night, it caused Tom bad dreams, and he arose next morning with the feeling that everything seemed strange and unreal. And then he remembered—the wallet! Well, he'd do things *his* way, not Betty's! Hurriedly he dressed, hastened to the broker's office to buy the stock he was so sure would go up. As he drew out the distinctive leather wallet he'd found, a well-dressed, elderly man who'd been scanning the stock board cried out, "That's *my* wallet! Get that man—he must be a *pickpocket!*"

Of course, the thing Tom should have done was to explain—but he didn't wait to do that. On his conscience was the knowledge that he hadn't done the honest thing in not returning the found money, which made him *feel* like a thief—and so, in a panic, he ran. He was pursued by a growing crowd, which included several police. As he ran wildly, Tom felt, somehow, that if only he could get to

Betty, *she'd* explain to them how it was, and this nightmare would be over. As he rounded the corner onto his block, he could see her there in the front yard, weeding the flower bed. The cries of "*Stop, thief!*" brought her to her feet—just as a policeman fired. The bullet missed Tom—but Betty dropped in her tracks.

It was the beginning of as black a period as ever he had known. Betty, his wife, the girl he had loved—*gone!* And all because of him! The thought that never again would he see her was an intolerable grief. And there was even further trouble, for now he was in the grip of the law. They regarded his attempt to escape as an admission of guilt, and before a judge's bench, Tom Glover heard himself sentenced to a term of imprisonment. He wept as he lay upon a hard prison cot—wept for his wife, for the love they had borne each other, for the life that was gone. And finally, he fell into a restless, nightmare-ridden slumber.

Someone was shaking him softly. In a moment, he'd awaken to suffering—but wait! This was jail—why was he being awakened so gently. Tom opened his eyes.

"Don't you feel well?" asked Betty solicitously. "You were moaning in your sleep!"

It had all been—a *dream!* Incredulity gave way to blessed relief—then to a wave of wild happiness. Betty was *alive*—he was a free man, in his own home—why, all life was before them! "Remember what you said last night about not having a *second chance?*" he asked, when he'd finished kissing his wife. "Well, you were wrong—I've been *given* one! And just to be on the safe side—I'm turning that wallet in at police headquarters!"

STRANGE COIN

MYSTERY SURROUNDED THE STAID OLD COSMOPOLITAN MUSEUM-- FOR FROM WITHIN ITS GREY WALLS, THE RENOWNED ARCHEOLOGIST, DR. AMOS BROWN, HAD VANISHED! IN VAIN, POLICE INVESTIGATORS HAD QUESTIONED AND SEARCHED! THE CASE SEEMED HOPELESS UNTIL DR. BROWN'S YOUNG ASSISTANT, KEN HAVERS, HUNTING DOGGEDLY FOR A CLUE, STUMBLED ON THE KEY TO THE MYSTERY-- A KEY WHICH BROUGHT THE PAST AND PRESENT TOGETHER IN ONE TERRIFYING FLASH!

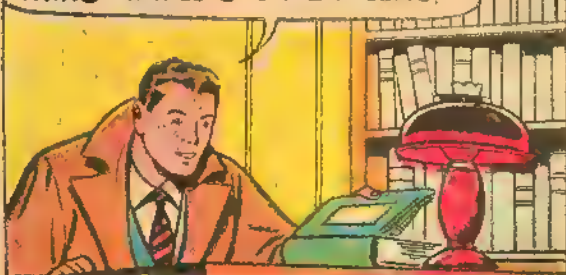


WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME AND GET SOME REST, MR. HAVERS? IT'S WAY PAST CLOSING TIME-- AND USELESS TO SEARCH ANY MORE!

BUT THERE **MUST** BE AN EXPLANATION! A MAN JUST DOESN'T VANISH WITHOUT A TRACE! YOU RUN ALONG, MISS SEELY! I'LL LOOK AROUND DR. BROWN'S OFFICE AGAIN!



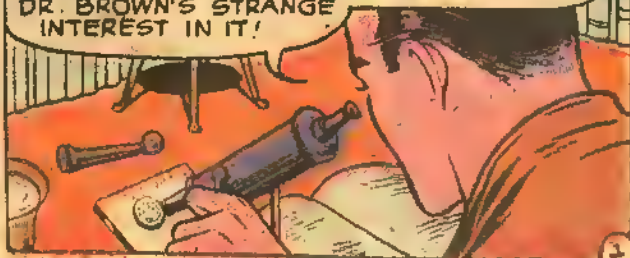
I DON'T LIKE TO READ HIS PERSONAL DIARY-- BUT PERHAPS HE WROTE **SOME-THING** THAT'LL GIVE ME A LEAD!



WONDER WHAT PLANS HE MEANT? HE CERTAINLY DIDN'T TELL ME--AND HE'D EXAMINED THAT COIN THOROUGHLY ANY NUMBER OF TIMES!

Tonight I shall further examine the Roman coin. I must remember to tell Ken my plans.

WHY, HERE IT IS-- UNDER THE MICROSCOPE! IT'S A RARE COIN FROM THE TIME OF **MARCUS AURELIUS**-- BUT THAT CAN'T EXPLAIN DR. BROWN'S STRANGE INTEREST IN IT!



THIS MICROSCOPE SURE IS POWERFUL! BRINGS OUT THE DETAILS LIKE ... HOLY NELLY! THOSE RAISED PARTS LOOK LIKE HILLS! AND THAT APPEARS TO BE A ROAD LEADING INTO THEM!



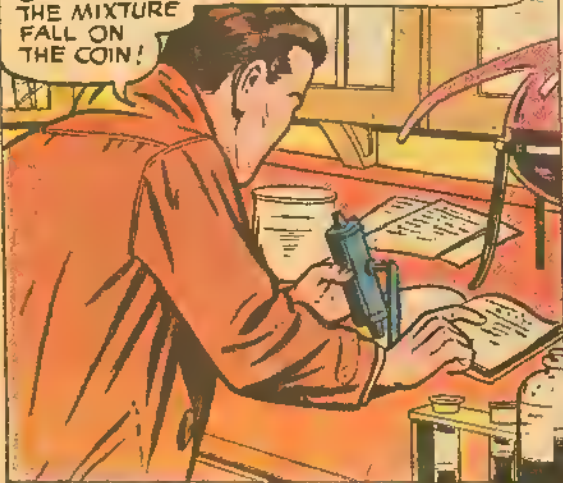
THERE'S SOMETHING MOVING... IT'S-- IT'S A LITTLE MAN! WHY... WHY... HIS FACE-- IT'S DR. BROWN!



HE'S LOOKING UP AT ME-- WAVING HIS HANDS! SIGNALING IN SEMAPHORE! HE'S TELLING ME TO--



I'M BEGINNING TO GET IT! HE'S TELLING ME TO MIX CERTAIN RARE CHEMICALS TOGETHER-- AND LET A SINGLE DROP OF THE MIXTURE FALL ON THE COIN!



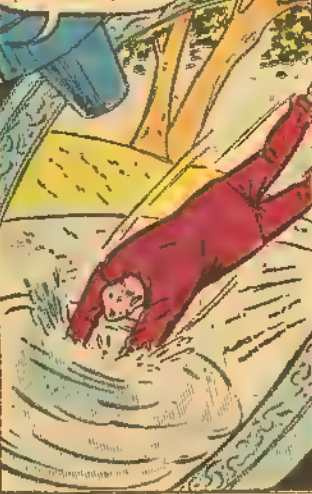
IT'S CRAZY-- I KNOW I'M GOING TO WAKE UP AND FIND THIS IS ALL A DREAM! BUT SOMEHOW-- I FEEL I OUGHT TO DO WHAT HE SAYS!



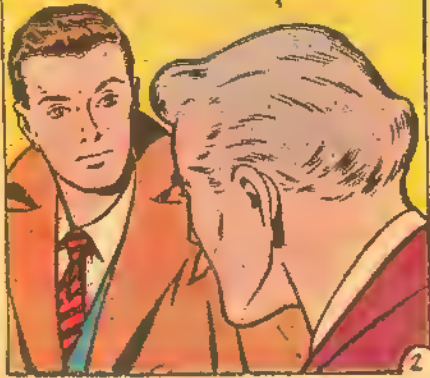
NOW-- TO LET A SINGLE DROP FALL-- AS HE INSTRUCTED! BUT-- BUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?



GOOD LORD! HE'S DIVING RIGHT INTO IT!



DR. BROWN! YES, I'M HERE, KEN! THANK GOODNESS YOU LOOKED AT THE COIN AND RECEIVED MY MESSAGE! I'D NEVER HAVE GOT OUT IF YOU HADN'T!



GOT OUT! BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- WHAT--

RELAX, LAD, AND I'LL EXPLAIN! YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN STUDYING THAT COIN FOR SOME TIME-- BUT I DIDN'T DARE TELL ANYONE THAT I SUSPECTED IT CONTAINED A **MINIATURE WORLD** ALL ITS OWN! EVEN TO AN ARCHEOLOGIST, IT SEEMED TOO **FANTASTIC!**



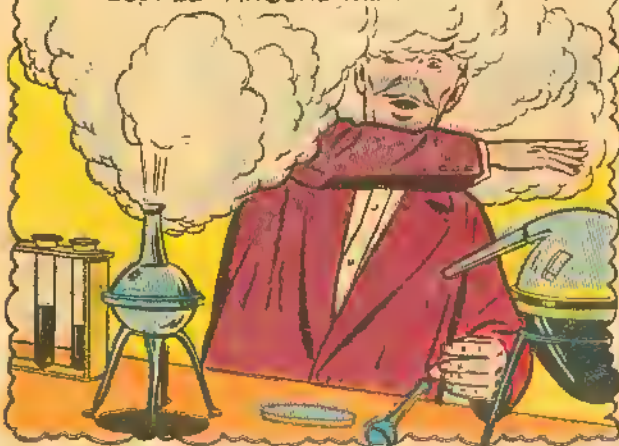
BUT THE MORE I INSPECTED IT, THE MORE I WAS STRUCK WITH THE RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN THE HILLS ON THE COIN AND THE SEVEN HILLS OF ROME! THEN ONE DAY I SAW THROUGH THE MICROSCOPE A TROOP OF **ROMAN SOLDIERS MARCH** ALONG THAT ROAD-- AND I WAS **SURE** I WAS RIGHT!



AN ANCIENT WORLD-- RIGHT THERE UNDER MY MICROSCOPE! I WAS POSSESSED WITH THE DESIRE TO GET **INTO** THE COIN! IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE-- UNTIL I RECALLED DECIPHERING AN ANCIENT GREEK PALIMPSEST WHICH PURPORTED TO GIVE THE FORMULA FOR REDUCING ALL MATTER TO INFINITESIMAL SIZE!



"I INTENDED TELLING YOU OF MY PLAN, KEN, SO YOU COULD HAVE THE ANTIDOTE READY! BUT FIRST I PREPARED THE FORMULA-- IT ACTED QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT-- FUMES GUSHED AROUND ME..."



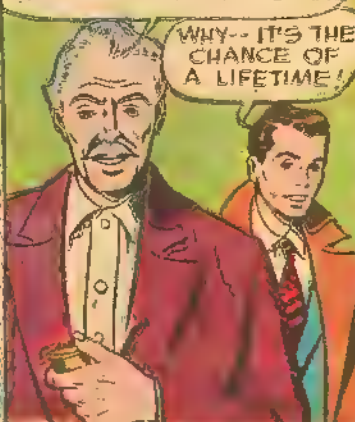
"AND THEN-- I FOUND MYSELF ON THE COIN-- DRASTICALLY REDUCED IN SIZE! AND WITH EACH SECOND I GREW **SMALLER-- SMALLER!**"



I TRAVELED ALONG THE ROAD, THROUGH THE HILLS, INTO THE VERY HEART OF THE COIN-- TO **ANCIENT ROME!** OH, IF ONLY I'D BROUGHT CAMERAS AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT ALONG!



IT'S AN ARCHEOLOGIST'S GOLD MINE, KEN! THAT'S WHY I RETURNED-- TO GET FULLY EQUIPPED, AND TO TAKE YOU BACK WITH ME-- IF YOU'D LIKE TO COME!



WHY-- IT'S THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!

FIRST LET ME WARN YOU! WE MAY RUN INTO DANGER-- THE ROMANS OF THAT PERIOD WERE RUTHLESS-- REMEMBER, HUMAN LIFE MEANT NOTHING TO THEM!



JUST TRY TO KEEP ME FROM GOING!

KEEPING DR. BROWN'S RE-
APPEARANCE A SECRET, THEY
QUICKLY PREPARED FOR THE
TRIP! ONLY ONE OTHER PER-
SON WAS LET IN ON
THE SECRET...

SMITHERS, JUST KEEP AN
EYE ON THE COIN THROUGH
THE MICROSCOPE! AND WHEN
WE SIGNAL, LET A DROP
OF THIS FLUID FALL ON
THE COIN! JUST A
SMALL DROP--
UNDERSTAND?

SURE, DOC!
I'LL DO IT!

KEEP YOUR EYES
ON THE COIN, KEN!
I'M TAKING THE
STOPPER OUT OF
THE FLASK--
ALL SET?

LET'S
GO!

JUMPIN' SPHINXES!
THEY'RE GONE!

AND WITHIN MOMENTS-- A MAGIC WORLD!

WE'RE HERE, KEN! ASSEMBLE
THE MOTORBIKE, AND WE'RE
OFF FOR ANCIENT ROME!

I-- I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!

I MADE FRIENDS WITH A
ROMAN PHILOSOPHER
NAMED DECIMUS-- HE
LIVES OUTSIDE THE
CITY! WE'LL GO TO
HIS HOUSE FIRST!

LOOK!
ROMAN
SOLDIERS!

A CENTAUR!
FLEE FOR
YOUR
LIVES!

NEVER BEFORE HAVE I
BEHELD A TWO-HEADED
CENTAUR! 'TIS BEST THAT I
FOLLOW THIS STRANGE
THING!

JUST AHEAD IS DECIMUS'
HOUSE! AND BEYOND IT,
FEAST YOUR EYES, KEN--
THE CITY OF ANCIENT
ROME!

JUST WAIT
TILL WE TELL
THE WORLD
ABOUT THIS!

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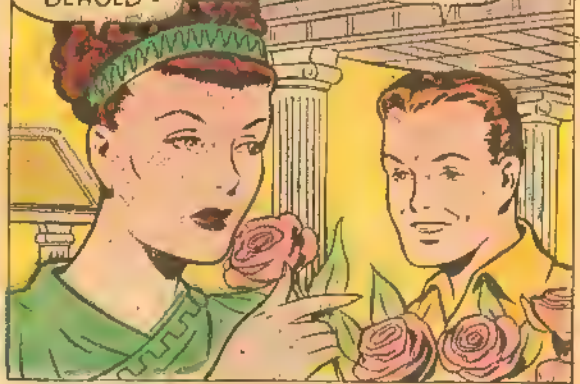
WELL, DECIMUS, I CAME BACK AS I PROMISED! THIS IS MY YOUNG ASSISTANT, KEN HAVERS!

WELCOME TO ROME, GOOD FRIENDS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY! LET ME INTRODUCE MY DAUGHTER, SABINA! SHE HAS BEEN MOST IMPATIENT TO SEE YOU!

WHILE DR. BROWN AND DECIMUS TALKED--

IT IS HARD TO FIND WORDS WITH SOMEONE-- FROM ANOTHER WORLD! TELL ME, DO YOU NOT FIND OUR LAND FAIR TO BEHOLD?

ALMOST-- ALMOST AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU, SABINA!

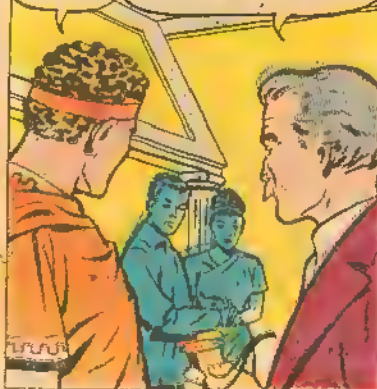


SO THESE STRANGERS ARE FRIENDS OF DECIMUS, WHO IS SUSPECTED OF PLOTTING AGAINST THE EMPEROR! THEY MUST BE SPIES FROM ABROAD! I SHALL REPORT THIS!



CENTURIES AND WORLDS APART-- BUT WHAT A PAIR THEY MAKE!

YES! I HATE TO BREAK IT UP, BUT WE MUST GET ON TO ROME-- KEN! COME ALONG! TEMPUS FUGIT!



LEAVING THE MOTORBIKE BEHIND, KEN AND DR. BROWN SET OUT FOR ROME--

YOU WILL RETURN SOON, KENNETH?

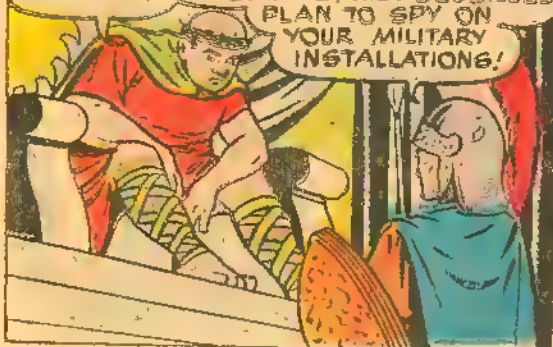
WE SURE WILL, HONEY!



MEANWHILE, IN THE AUDIENCE CHAMBERS OF THE TYRANNICAL EMPEROR, MARCUS AURELIUS--

YOU MEAN THESE STRANGERS PLOT WITH THE TRAITOR DECIMUS?

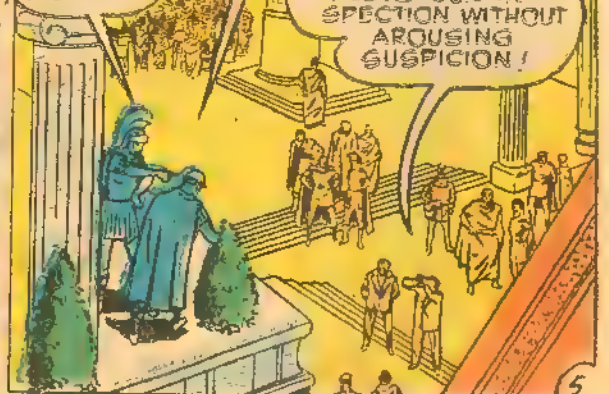
YES, MY EMPEROR-- THEY CAME ON A STEED WITH NO HEAD AND NO TAIL! WIZARDS, THEY ARE! THEY DOUBTLESS PLAN TO SPY ON YOUR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS!



THERE ARE THE STRANGERS, SIRE! THEY HAVE ENTERED ROME ITSELF!

FOLLOW AND SEIZE THEM!

GOOD THING WE BROUGHT ALONG LOTS OF FILM! GOLLY-- WHAT A BREAK THIS'LL BE-- IF WE CAN COMPLETE OUR INSPECTION WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION!



UNAWARE OF PURSUIT, KEN AND DR. BROWN ENTERED THE COLOSSEUM---

TO THINK WE'RE ACTUALLY IN THE FLAVIAN AMPHITHEATER--WOW! IF THIS SHOT COMES OUT, IT'LL BE THE PICTURE OF THE CENTURY!



HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, BUD!



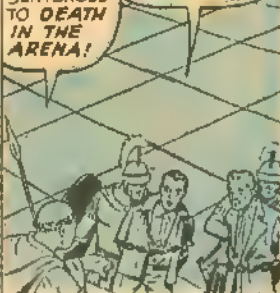
CAPTURED--AND BROUGHT BEFORE THE EMPEROR--

LOOKS BAD, DOC! IT SURE DOES! THEY DON'T BELIEVE A WORD OF WHAT I TOLD THEM!



YOU ARE BOTH JUDGED GUILTY OF HIGH TREASON--AND SENTENCED TO DEATH IN THE ARENA!

IF I REMEMBER MY HISTORY RIGHTLY--THAT MEANS WE'RE GOING TO MEET UP WITH A BUNCH OF LIONS!



SHORTLY AFTER--WHILE THE EXCITED ROMAN CROWDS WATCHED--

IF ONLY WE'D BROUGHT ALONG OUR PISTOLS, WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE-- BUT NOW---

WE AREN'T LICKED YET, DOC! BUT GET SET-- HERE COME THE LIONS!



KEN WAITED UNTIL THE SNARLING BEASTS WERE ALMOST UPON THEM--AND THEN--TRIPPED THE RELEASE OF HIS FLASH GUN!



THE WIZARDS MAKE LIGHTNING!

FLEE! THE LIONS HAVE TURNED ON US!



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PANDEMONIUM, KEN AND DR. BROWN HEADED FOR AN EXIT--

GET GOING, DOC, WHILE THE GOING'S GOOD!

SPARE MY LIFE, GODS! I PRAY YOU, SPARE ME!



OUTSIDE -- A CAPTURED CHARIOT --

SHIFT THIS THREE HORSE-POWER JOB INTO HIGH! WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE MOTORCYCLE OR WE'LL BE SUNK!

IN THE NAME OF THE EMPEROR, PURSUE THEM! THEY MUST BE STOPPED!



MOMENTS LATER -- BACK AT DECIMUS' HOUSE --

THE EMPEROR'S SOLDIERS ARE AFTER US! YOU'D BETTER HIDE!



BE OFF, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

GOOD-BYE, SABINA! GOSH, IF ONLY--

OH, KENNETH!



THROTTLE PUSHED WIDE OPEN, KEN SENT THE MOTORCYCLE TEARING BACK UP THE ROAD THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS--

THEY CAN'T CATCH US NOW, DOC! WE'RE IN THE CLEAR!

PROVIDED SMITHERS IS LOOKING INTO THE MICROSCOPE-- AND REMEMBERS TO DROP THE FLUID!



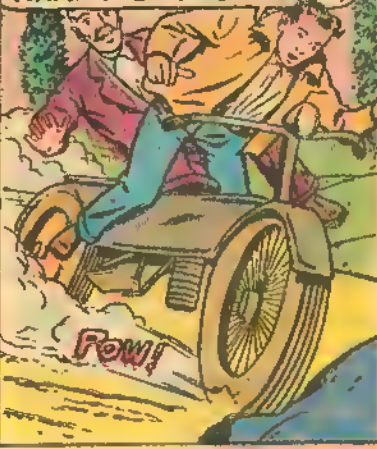
BUT BACK IN THE MUSEUM--

I GUESS IT'S O.K. TO TAKE A SHORT NAP-- THE DOC AND KEN AREN'T LIABLE TO SHOW UP FOR A WHILE!



MEANWHILE, AS THE MOTORCYCLE RACED ACROSS THE FACE OF THE COIN--

WHAT THE-- A BLOWOUT!

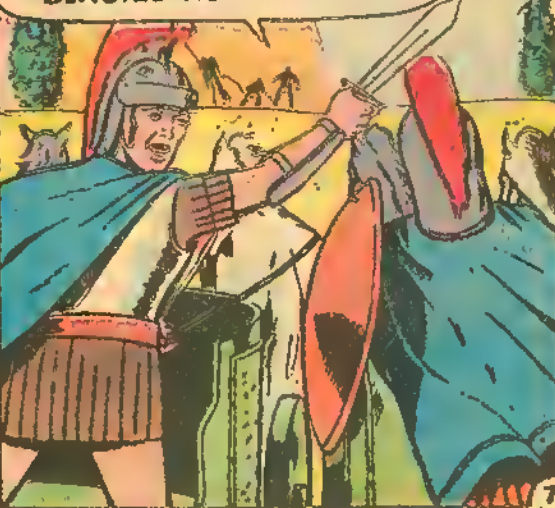


I'M ALL IN, KEN! YOU-- RUN FOR IT! THERE'S THE CONTACT PLACE AHEAD!

AND LEAVE YOU TO THOSE BABIES? NOTHING DOING!



HERE THEY COME -- THE WHOLE BLASTED ROMAN ARMY!



IT WAS A MAD RACE TO THE POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE MICROSCOPE-- BUT THERE--

THAT IDIOT SMITHERS! I'VE SIGNALLED! WHY DOESN'T HE DO SOMETHING?

IT HAD BETTER BE SOON-- OR IT'LL BE ALL UP WITH US!



HO-HUM! MAYBE I'D BETTER TAKE ANOTHER LOOK BEFORE I DROP OFF--



GREAT GUNS! THERE THEY ARE-- AND A BUNCH OF SOLDIERS ARE AFTER THEM! THE FLUID-- I MUST DROP THE FLUID!



HASTILY, SMITHERS FILLED THE DROPPER WITH THE SPECIAL FLUID! THEN, HIS FINGERS SHAKING FROM EXCITEMENT, HE SQUEEZED THE BULB-- BUT TOO HARD!

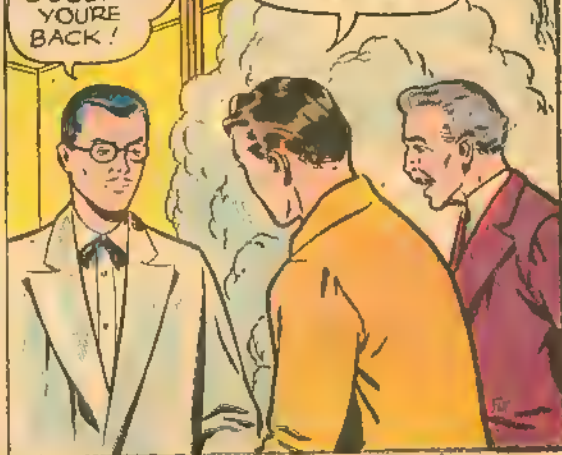
THE FOOL! HE'S LET TOO MUCH OF THE LIQUID COME OUT!



THE NEXT INSTANT--

THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE BACK!

MORE THAN JUST US! GET OUT OF SIGHT IF YOU WANT TO STAY ALIVE!



GOSH ALMIGHTY! HOW'D THEY G-GET HERE?



AS THE BEWILDERED ROMANS SURGED OUT INTO FIFTH AVENUE--

IT'S AN INVASION FROM MARS!

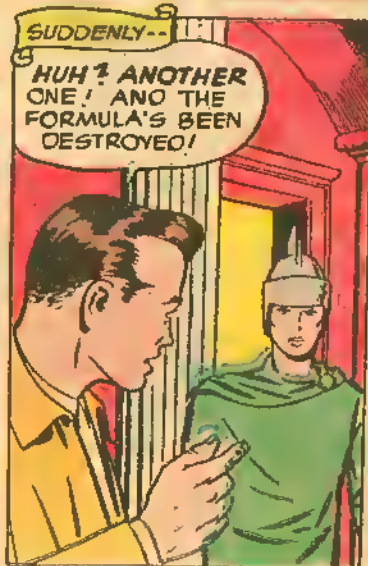
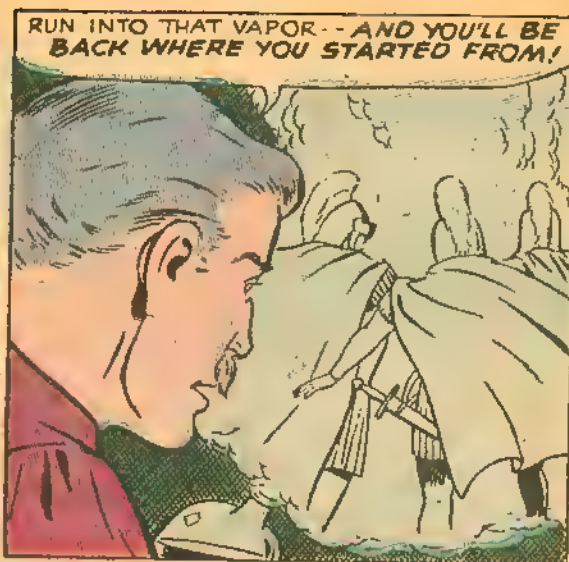
SEND FOR THE RIOT SQUAD!



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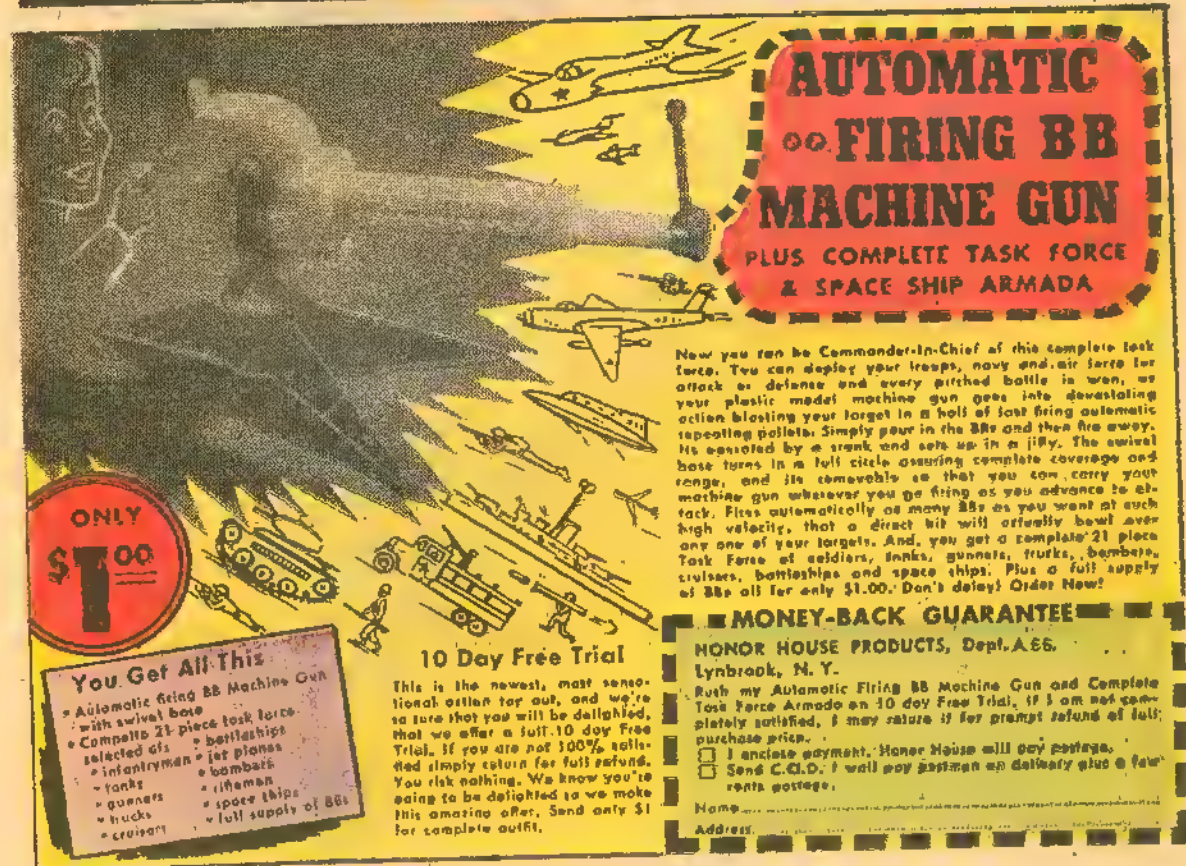
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Hi, everybody! Through these portals, we feel, pass just about the most marvelous people in the entire universe—all you lovely readers who've had the good taste to make "*Adventures Into The Unknown*" your favorite magazine! We owe you quite a debt of gratitude, for this is one fan club that has sustained itself and expanded steadily through the years. Don't forget, this magazine of ours was the very first comic ever published within the specialized field that it serves! And it's sustained its reputation through constant attention to the factor of *story*.

And that brings us to a rather interesting topic of discussion. There are many story mediums—which one is best? Let's first consider the printed word, as it is featured in books or regulation magazines. This is a great medium, and one which should definitely not be neglected. We've all read great stories within this field, and shall continue to do so. Many people, however, like the vividness of pictures, which are limited within this particular field. The same holds true for the field of radio, which, although it may furnish good entertainment and good stories, suffers from a similar lack of pictorial material. This automatically brings us to a consideration of the dramatized story, as presented in plays, movies and television. Here we have the advantage of a play brought into more vivid life through the presentation of visual material. But the trouble is that when it's over, it's over—if it's something you genuinely liked, and want to see again, it's generally unavailable. And that brings us—as if you didn't know—straight into the great medium of *comics*!

A good and worthy comics magazine possesses and blends the assets of all these other devices we've pointed out. It tells a story not only in words, but in vivid and lifelike pictures. And if you should want to reread the story, it's there for you, whenever you want it! That's what

has accounted for the immense and steadily-increasing popularity of comics over the years. And as far as "*Adventures Into The Unknown*" is concerned, it has secured its predominant position through presenting the types of story that its readers *want*. We investigate reader preference—and respond to it. That's why we want to know *your* preferences. Please write to us—tell us how you like the stories in this issue. And if you dislike any, don't hesitate to tell us *that*, too! Lastly, if you've got any ideas as to what you'd like to see in future issues, we'll welcome your advice! Send your letters to The Editor, "*Adventures Into The Unknown*," 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y. We'll publish your letter if space allows! Here are a few communications from readers which may show you how the wind's blowing!

"Dear Editor:—

In your July issue No. 64 of '*Adventures Into The Unknown*' you stated that you welcomed readers' reactions to your stories. Well, I think you've been doing a wonderful job! I've been one of your fans for years. I go for stories about space or time. Mostly space—I appreciate that type most! But no matter what you carry, I'll remain a loyal reader!

—Phillip Rabichow, Chicago, Ill."

"Dear Editor:—

I've always enjoyed the stories in '*Adventures Into The Unknown*' very much. Frankly, I used to go for the creepy type of story, but now I've changed—I find that the new type of plots you're carrying are fascinating. I want to put in a good word for your drawings, too—they're sensational!

—Marie Norris, Orlando, Fla."

"Dear Editor:—

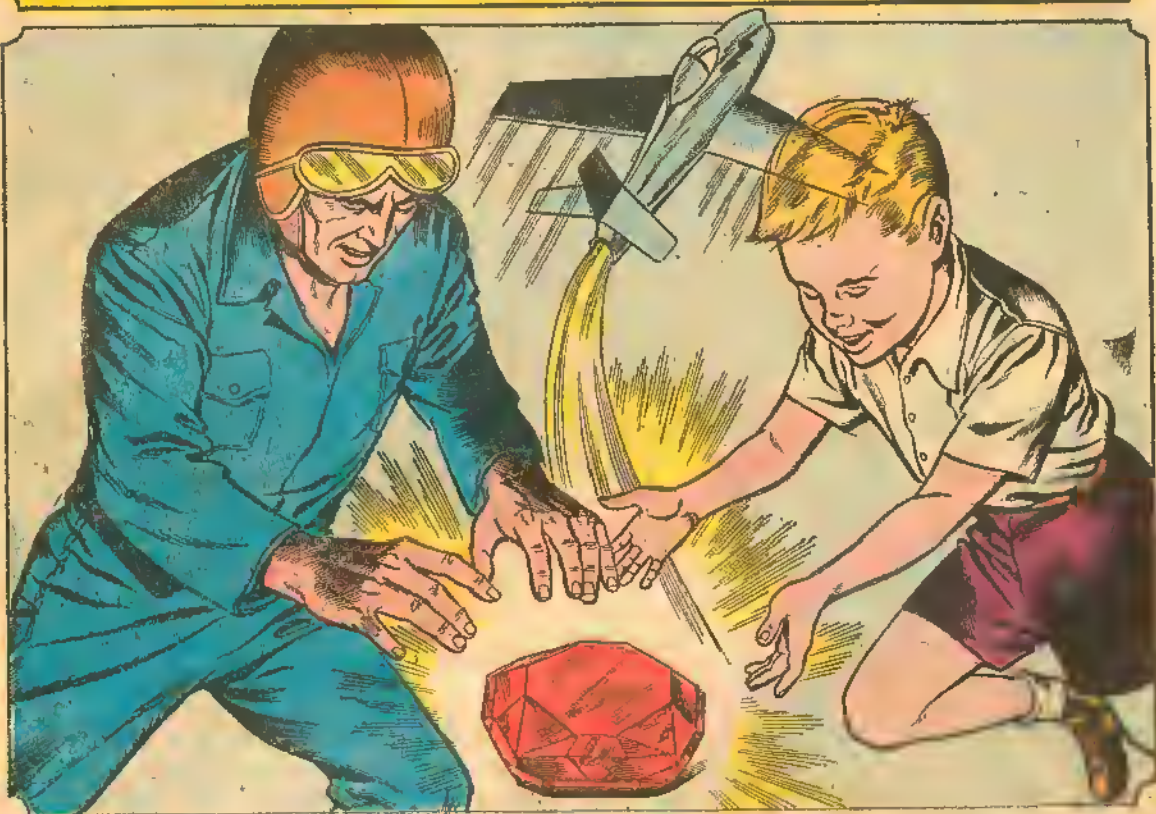
Have just finished reading '*Adventures Into The Unknown*' and thought it was quite thrilling. Keep up the fine work!

—Harold Totz, St. Cloud, Minn."

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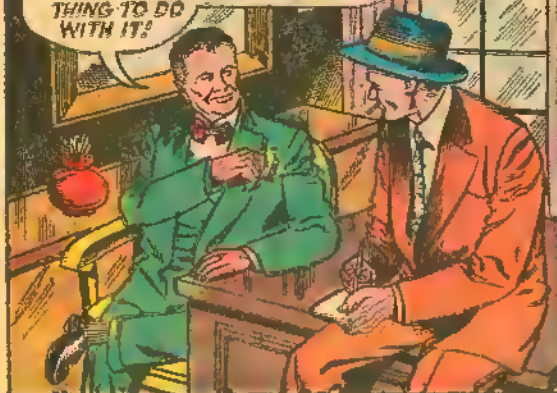
Who was he; this amazing visitor we'll call ---

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YOU MEAN YOU WEREN'T EVEN CALLED IN ON THE CASE?

OH, BUT I **WAS**--AND HOW I FAILED! BUT LET ME TELL YOU THE STORY AS IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED!



LET'S TURN BACK THE CLOCK TWENTY YEARS... TO THE OFFICE OF DR. HENRY BURTON, A POOR COUNTRY DOCTOR!
AS TO WHY HE WAS POOR --

I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY FOR YOUR BILL, DOC-- BUT I THOUGHT IF YOU COULD TAKE PRODUCE --

IF THAT'S ALL YOU CAN AFFORD, BILL, I'M SATISFIED!



NOBODY HAD ANY MONEY BACK IN THOSE DEPRESSION DAYS! AND YET DOC BURTON FELT RICH-- FOR HE HAD HIS LITTLE SON, HANK, JR.--

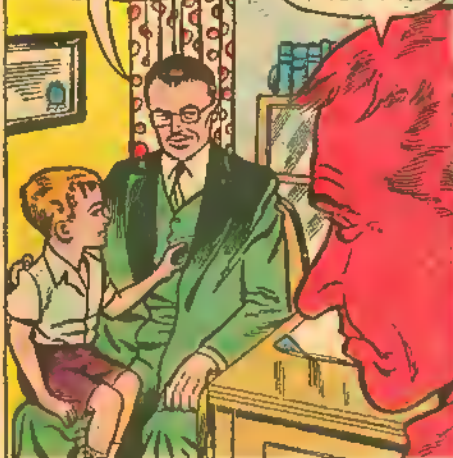
YOU KNOW MY SON HANK, DON'T YOU? YESSIR, HE'S DAD'S BOY, EVERY INCH OF HIM!

I DECLARE, I NEVER SAW A MAN THAT WAY ABOUT A YOUNG UN BEFORE!

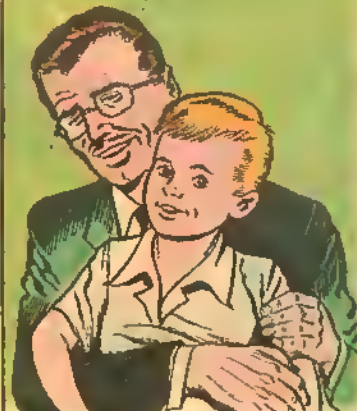


THIS YOUNG UN'S GOING TO HAVE EVERYTHING IN LIFE--AND NOT ON THE MONEY OF A COUNTRY DOCTOR, EITHER! YOU'VE HEARD OF OLD THOMAS V. BURTON, HAVEN'T YOU?

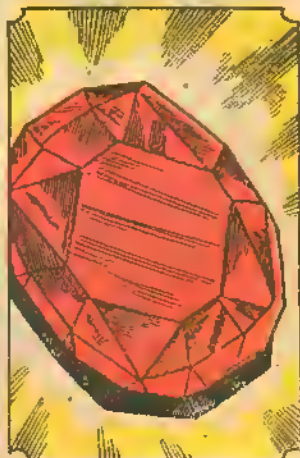
THAT MILLIONAIRE DOWN AT THE STATE CAPITAL WHO JUST DIED? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE A RELATIVE!



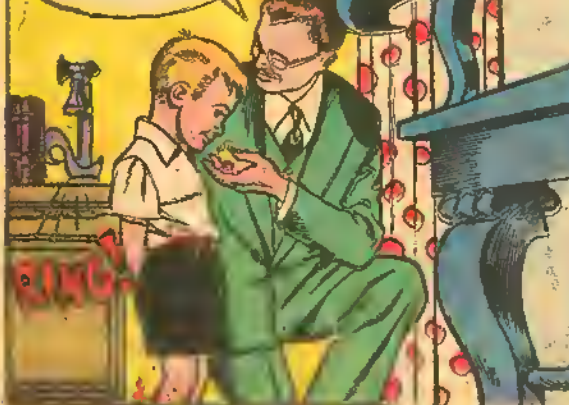
YES--A CLOSE RELATIVE--AND AS SUCH, I EXPECT TO SHARE IN THE FORTUNE! AND WHATEVER I GET--IT'LL BE FOR LITTLE HANK!



THIS IS WHAT HE GOT! THOMAS V. BURTON HAD BEEN A NOTED GEM COLLECTOR--AND THE BEQUEST WAS THE FAMOUS BURTON RUBY--\$250,000 WORTH OF IT--



SEE? THIS IS IT, HANK! IT'LL BUY YOU A LIFE OF EASE--THE BEST COLLEGES--EUROPE! IF THERE'S ANYTHING LEFT OVER, THERE'S THAT LITTLE HOSPITAL WE'VE ALWAYS NEEDED IN THESE PARTS--DRAT THAT TELEPHONE!



IT WAS AN EMERGENCY CALL--SO DOC BURTON PUT THE RUBY AWAY CAREFULLY BEFORE LEAVING--



BETTER BRING IT TO THE BANK TOMORROW, SO THEY CAN STORE IT FOR ME SAFELY UNTIL I ARRANGE TO SELL IT!

BUT AFTER HE HAD LEFT--

SHINY --
PRETTY--

OH, SO THE
KID TOOK IT.
EH? THAT
COULD SPELL
TROUBLE!

HE SAID HE DID -- BUT
BEING A LITTLE CHILD,
HE MAY HAVE DREAMED
IT UP! THAT'S WHAT I
THINK -- HAPPENED --
BECAUSE THE REST OF
HIS STORY -- WELL, IT
JUST DIDN'T MAKE
SENSE! LISTEN...

REMEMBER THAT DOC BURTON
LIVED IN AN ISOLATED SPOT, SO
THERE WAS NOBODY AROUND TO
VERIFY WHAT LITTLE HANK
CLAIMED HAPPENED NEXT! HE
SAID HE HEARD A DEAFENING
NOISE ---

RRR-RRRRRR!

NEXT MOMENT, ACCORDING TO HIM, SOMETHING
FLASHED OUT OF THE SKY --

THEN IT TOOK
SHAPE --
LANDED--

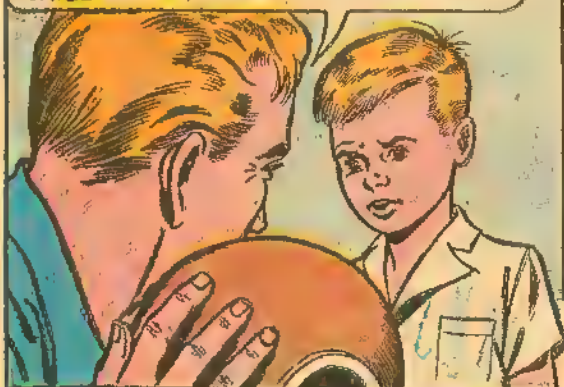
AIR -- GOT TO --
HAVE AIR --

HANK HAD SEEN HIS FATHER'S PATIENTS -- HE HAD
A DIM UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT ILLNESS
MEANT, AND A SYMPATHY FOR IT --

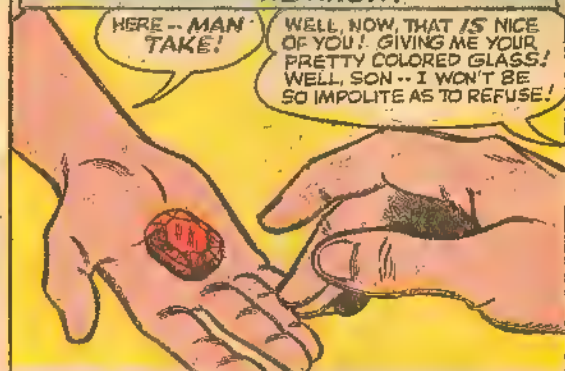
OXYGEN MASK -- INTAKE
WENT WRONG -- ALMOST
-- CONKED OUT --

MAN
SICK?

OH, **HELLO**, LITTLE FELLA! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME-- I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL BETTER ALREADY! MATTER OF FACT, NOW THAT I'VE TIGHTENED THAT OXYGEN INTAKE, GUESS I CAN TAKE OFF AGAIN!

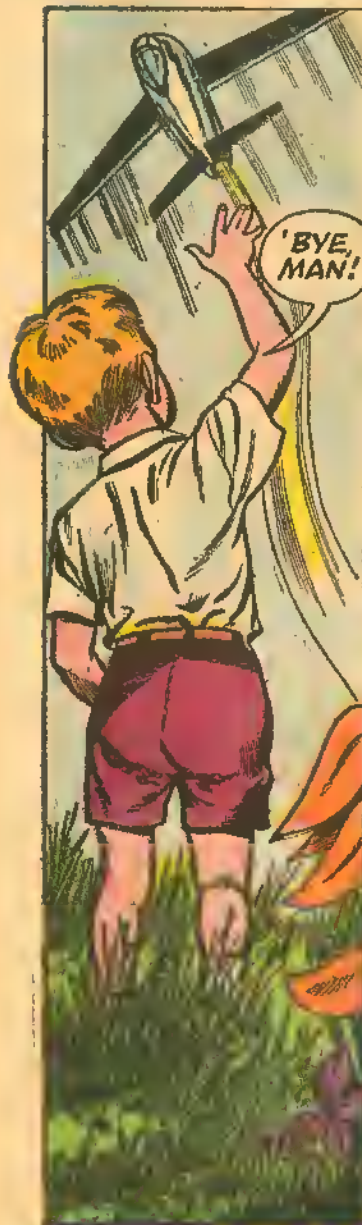


BUT HIS FATHER HAD ALWAYS GIVEN HIS PATIENTS SOMETHING TO MAKE THEM WELL --AND LITTLE HANK WANTED, SO DESPERATELY, TO DO THE SAME! WHAT DID HE HAVE TO GIVE HIM? **SUDDENLY -- HE KNEW!**



HERE -- MAN TAKE!

WELL, NOW, THAT IS NICE OF YOU! GIVING ME YOUR, PRETTY COLORED GLASS! WELL, SON -- I WON'T BE SO IMPOLITE AS TO REFUSE!



'BYE, MAN!

WELL, YOU CAN JUST IMAGINE THE STIR WHEN THAT RUBY TURNED UP MISSING!

THE SHERIFF COULDN'T GET ANYWHERE, SO THEY CALLED ME IN!

WHAT I JUST TOLD YOU IS THE WAY WE RECONSTRUCTED THE CHILD'S STORY-- AND IT WASN'T ANY HELP AT ALL!

I'VE CHECKED EVERY AIRPORT AROUND, AND THERE'S NO RECORD OF A PLANE LANDING NEAR HERE!



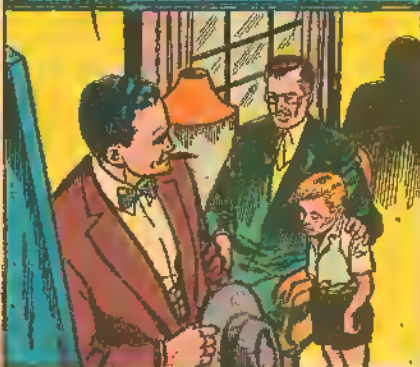
THAT LEAVES US WITHOUT ANY CLUES! I--I'M AFRAID THE RUBY'S GONE FOR GOOD!

WELL, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT IF I HAD A KID AND HE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH A LOSS LIKE THIS --

EVEN IF I LOST A **THOUSAND** RUBIES, I'D NEVER LIFT A HAND TO A CHILD WHO DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT HE WAS DOING! LET'S CHALK UP THE WHOLE THING TO BAD LUCK!

SO FAR THIS IS ALL JUST ROUTINE! KIDS LOSE THINGS AND COOK UP STORIES ABOUT IT-- SO WHAT?

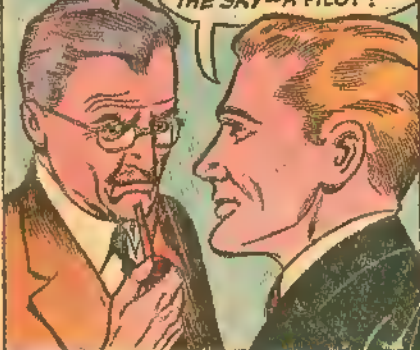
DON'T RUSH ME! I'M NOT A SENTIMENTAL GUY, BUT I **LIKED** THAT DOCTOR! WE BECAME FRIENDS, AND I KEPT IN TOUCH WITH HIM IN THE TWENTY YEARS THAT HAVE PASSED SINCE THAT TIME! LET ME BRING YOU UP TO DATE!



AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, HANK GREW UP! IT WAS PRETTY MUCH OF A DISAPPOINTMENT TO THE DOC WHEN HE DECIDED AGAINST FOLLOWING IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS--

YOU MAY NOT WANT TO STUDY MEDICINE-- BUT WHAT'S THIS BUSINESS ABOUT WANTING TO BECOME A TEST PILOT?

FUNNY THING, DAD! REMEMBER THAT BUSINESS ABOUT THE RUBY WHEN I WAS A LITTLE TOT--AND TOLD YOU THE STORY ABOUT ME GIVING IT TO A MAN FROM THE SKY--A PILOT?



BY NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF IT EVER REALLY HAPPENED, OR I JUST DREAMED IT UP! BUT EITHER WAY, THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THAT PILOT THAT GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS ORDAINED FOR ME! ALL THESE YEARS, IT'S AS IF I'VE BEEN HEADED TOWARDS SOMETHING I COULDN'T GET AWAY FROM, AND THAT'S IT!



I--I GUESS ALL OF MY AMBITIONS HAVE FAILED! I WANTED YOU TO HAVE THE ADVANTAGES THE RUBY COULD HAVE BROUGHT AND BECOME A DOCTOR--I WANTED TO FOUND A PRIVATE HOSPITAL HERE--BUT NEVER MIND ALL THAT! I WON'T STAND IN YOUR WAY!

IF ONLY I COULD MAKE IT UP TO YOU, DAD--IN SOME WAY!



AND SO HANK STARTED TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF HIS DREAMS! FIRST, FLIGHT SCHOOL--



AND THEN--KOREA! THERE, IN THE CRUCIBLE OF BATTLE, A GREAT FLYING SKILL WAS TEMPERED!



EMERGING FROM THE CONFLICT A NOTED AMERICAN ACE, HE HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN MAKING A CONNECTION AS A TEST PILOT--

THINK SHE'LL PERFORM AS WE'VE HOPED?

WE'LL LEAVE THAT FOR HANK BURTON TO FIND OUT! HE'S JUST ABOUT THE BEST TEST BOY IN THE BUSINESS!

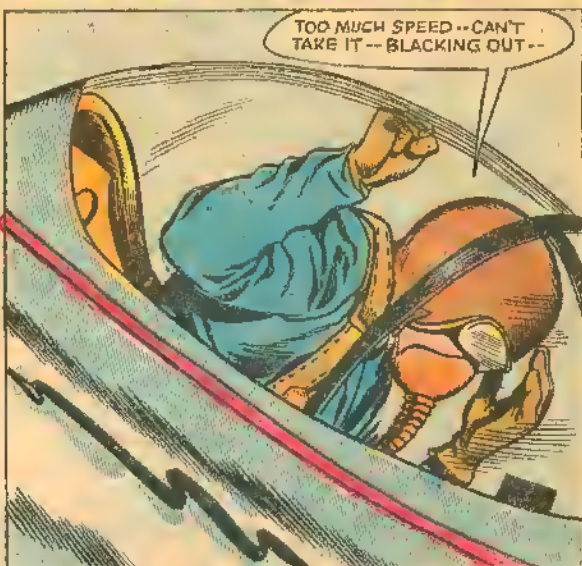


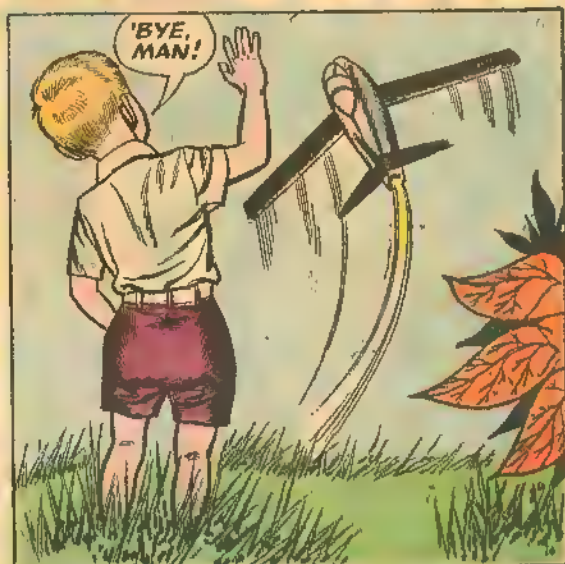
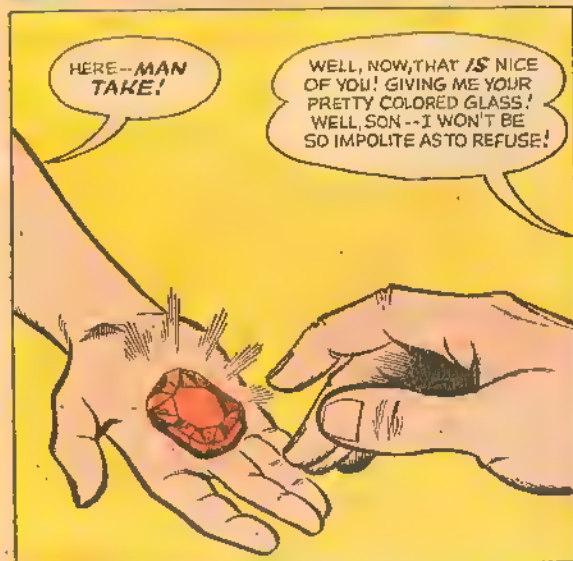
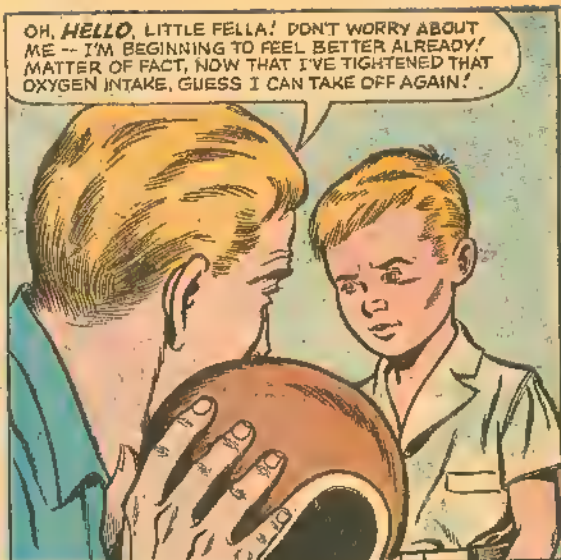
THE X-214'S AN EXPERIMENTAL JET JOB FOR THE AIR FORCE-- AND NOBODY KNOWS HOW FAST SHE CAN GO! WE'VE PICKED YOU TO FIND OUT, HANK!

I REGARD THAT AS AN HONOR, SIR! I'LL GET EVERY INCH OF SPEED SHE'S GOT OUT OF HER!

AND BECAUSE HE WAS THE BEST, HE WAS ALWAYS CALLED IN FOR THE MOST RESPONSIBLE JOBS--





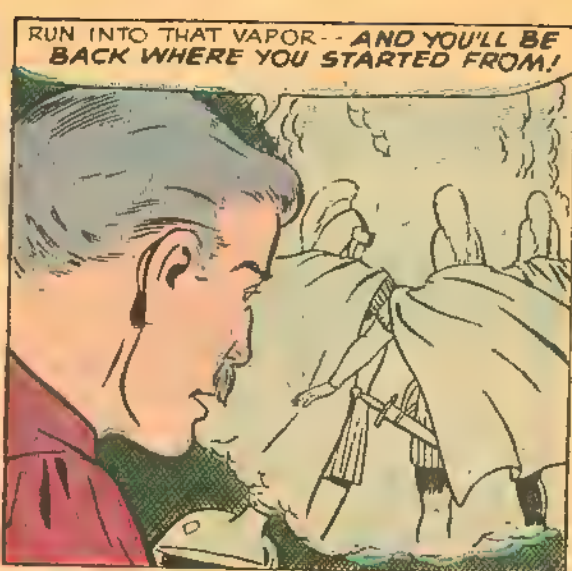




OH, MIGHTY WIZARD, ON MY BENDED KNEE, WE PRAY-- SEND US BACK TO ROME!

LET US DEPART FROM THIS PLACE OF EVIL!

GLAD TO OBLIGE!

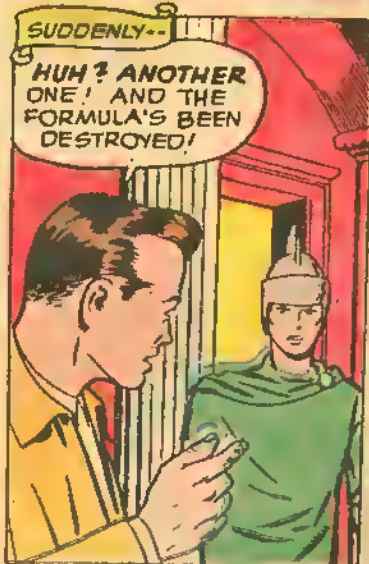


RUN INTO THAT VAPOR-- AND YOU'LL BE BACK WHERE YOU STARTED FROM!



GONE! ALL OF THEM! THANK HEAVENS!

AS FOR THIS FORMULA-- NEVER AGAIN WILL IT BE USED!



SUDDENLY--

HUH? ANOTHER ONE! AND THE FORMULA'S BEEN DESTROYED!



SABINA! YOU!

YES, KENNETH! I DRESSED AS A WARRIOR SO I COULD COME ALONG-- I WANTED TO TRY TO SAVE YOU!



GOOD GRIEF, GIRL! I CAN'T SEND YOU BACK NOW! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK! I WANT TO STAY WITH MY KENNETH FOREVER!

DARLING!



YOU WON'T MIND THAT I'M OLDER THAN YOU, KENNETH? IT'S ONLY A FEW THOUSAND YEARS!

OMNIA VINCIT AMOR!

HUH? WHAT'D YOU SAY, DOC?



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The End

ARE YOU SUPERSTITIOUS?



HINTS FOR THE CREDULOUS!



SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT A HOWLING DOG INDICATES THE COMING OF DEATH! **NONSENSE!** A DOG CAN SENSE A GREAT GRIEF IN ITS HOUSEHOLD...AND BEING FRIGHTENED, IT HOWLS!



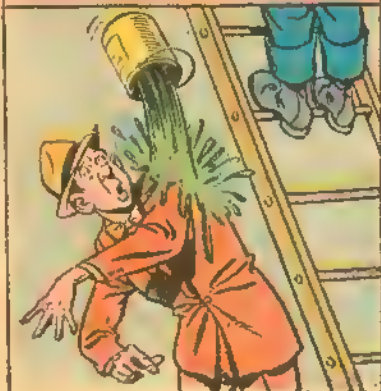
BLACK CATS BAD LUCK? THIS SUPERSTITION PROBABLY AROSE OUT OF SOMEBODY STUMBLING OVER ONE... NO DOUBT AT NIGHT, WHEN IT'S HARD TO SEE A SMALL ANIMAL! AND REMEMBER, AT NIGHT, ALL CATS ARE BLACK!



HERE'S ANOTHER...THE OLD SAW ABOUT A BUZZARD OR VULTURE BEING AN OMEN OF DOOM! **FORGET IT!** DEATH DOESN'T FOLLOW THE APPEARANCE OF A CARRION BIRD...IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND!



BAD LUCK TO WALK UNDER A LADDER? IT MIGHT BE, AT TIMES...BUT THERE'S NOTHING MYSTERIOUS ABOUT IT! IF YOU ASK FOR IT, YOU'VE GOT TO **EXPECT** THIS SORT OF THING TO HAPPEN!



THEN, THERE'S THE MATTER OF SO-CALLED **GOOD LUCK TOKENS!** A RABBIT'S FOOT, FOR INSTANCE! IF IT WERE TRUE, YOU SHOULD ENVY THE RABBIT! HE'S GOT **FOUR** OF THEM...WANT TO CHANGE PLACES WITH HIM?



THEY SAY **TURTLES** ARE LUCKY! YOU WOULDN'T THINK SO IF YOU MET A **SNAPPER!**



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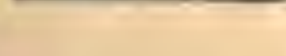
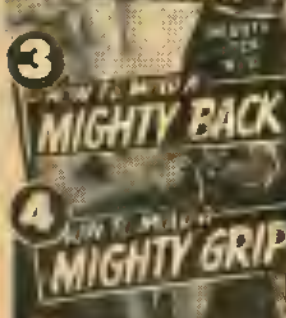
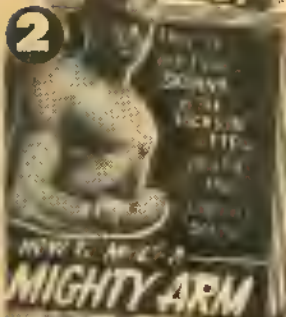
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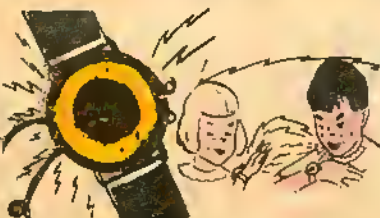


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